

A VOICE ON THE RIVER

News for all living on the Cam

September 2005



Next meeting — Sept 27th

The next Camboaters Committee Meeting is on Tuesday September 27th at 7.30, at the Howard Mallett Centre on Sturton Street (where Cafe Afrika used to be). We find it's more productive if we don't hold meetings in pubs!

Amongst other things, we hope to have Alistair Frost there. He works for the County Council, as well as living on a fine Dutch Barge beyond Bottisham Lock.

We're hoping he'll be able to tell us what's going to happen with the Railings. His

department is responsible for Riverside — although they don't admit to ownership of the wall — and that's why it doesn't form part of the City Council's mooring policy.

The County Council can't ban mooring there on grounds of navigation (that's up to the CamCon), but we don't know what they'll do if they think the wall is unsafe for mooring, and aren't prepared to spend much money on it.

If you can't make it to the meeting, I'll report back in this newsletter.

Camboaters AGM

Nineteen people turned up for the AGM, which was a very civilised affair (we even had tea and biscuits!) in the Community Centre on Newmarket Road.

Robin gave us a breakdown of the year's events, Richard talked money, and we had a brief discussion about moorings.

The main purpose of the evening was to elect a new committee, which is listed below.

It was good to see some different people at the meeting, some of whom wanted to be on the committee, which is essential if we're going to represent everyone on the river.

On the back of this newsletter is an application form for membership of the CCA

Why should I join?

Because without members, there is no community association, and without a community association, there is **no chance** of getting recognition by any body that has power over our lives, such as the City Council, County Council, Cam Conservancy, or Environment Agency.

What other reasons do you need?

Boys with the black stuff

For those who are new to the river and who are looking for coal, here are a couple of people who deliver.

Papworth Solid Fuels (01366 3857410) will usually deliver small amounts (more than five 25kg bags), and prices drop if you can get 40+ bags.

Ian Hosie (01480 468632) is cheaper but won't come unless he's got a big order. A few boaters have got him lined up, so give him a call to add your order to theirs.

They'll drop on Riverside, at the Fort, or on Chesterton Road but won't drive on the Commons — for a start it's against the byelaws, and secondly it really pisses off the residents, walkers and cyclists.

Next newsletter — flood poles! If you know a good source of aluminium poles, contact me (Mike).

Council Tax?

Some boaters, mainly on Stourbridge, got a bill for council tax over the Summer. This is confusing, in the light of the mooring fee coming up in April.

It turns out that this was a mistake — a case of one council department not talking to another. As I understand it, we can't be charged council tax because we're not on a fixed mooring. If you know different, let me know.

Don't forget — the Cam Conservancy have a 'priority list' of who's up for a mooring licence, come April. This is based on who would 'normally have been here' in March this year. To make enquiries about this list, contact Geoff Facer (CamCon Engineer) at gfacer@ntlworld.com, 01223 506065.

**Big Party! — Saturday October 1st
Brown's Field. Bring food & booze**

Camboaters Committee 2005-6

This is the new committee, which was voted in at the meeting. Contact one of these people if you want an issue dealt with, or to air an opinion.

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Meet the Committee!

There will be a social gathering on Monday 10th October at 7.30pm in the Fort St George. Come along and see us there.

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